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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

May 11, 2005.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MICHAEL K. SIMPSON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend Daniel P. Gallagher, Pastor, Edon Church of Christ, Edon, Ohio, offered the following prayer:

O Lord, God of heaven and earth, there is no God like You. Your mercy and grace continue to shower down on Your servants, those of this great building who serve this Nation's people, a Nation started not by accident but by Your providence and watch care.

I ask of You, Lord, to help guide these men and women to make decisions that will make this country better and stronger, not just in the physical sense but in the spiritual as well. Help these leaders to keep their eyes focused on Your desires to make this country what You intended her to be when You first brought people to its shores to be a "light on a hill" for all the world to see. But, Father, may the world not see the might of this country but the Almighty, who is our Watchman. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. PRICE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PRICE of Georgia led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO DANIEL PATRICK GALLAGHER ON THE OCCASION OF HIS SERVICE AS GUEST CHAPLAIN TO THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

(Mr. GILLMOR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a truly wonderful friend of the Fifth Congressional District of Ohio. Daniel P. Gallagher is currently the minister at Edon Church of Christ in Edon, Ohio. Today the House was honored to open our legislative session by the inspirational words of Daniel as our guest chaplain.

To his soldiers at Valley Forge, our Nation's Founding Father George Washington proclaimed, "To the distinguished character of patriot, it should be our highest glory to add the more distinguished character of Christian." Today, before our House could again open and continue to work the will of the people, we paused, and we paused, as we have each morning since the Continental Congress, to give thanks and ask for strength.

We have had a chaplain since 1789, and as Guest Chaplain, Daniel Gallagher continues the great tradition by

offering his leadership and guidance to this institution.

Through Reverend Gallagher's opening prayer today, the Village of Edon has extended its arms and offered their prayers to those elected to serve them.

Williams County, Ohio is proud to claim the Village of Edon and its nearly one thousand citizens. The county borders both the States of Michigan and Indiana. This wonderful area of Ohio produces great crops for consumption, machines for production and the toys which deliver upon us the joyful sounds of children laughing. Williams County and the Village of Edon provide the fruit of life to our Nation and today it has sent us its shepherd.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Daniel P. Gallagher as we give thanks for his inspiring words. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I am proud to recognize his faith and service. We wish Daniel and his family the best as we salute one of Ohio's finest citizens.

NEW FOCUS TO BRING OUR TROOPS HOME

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, congressional Democrats are so sure that we will win back the Congress in 2006 on the Social Security issue that many have stopped challenging the administration on the war on Iraq: Let us take the war off the table as an issue and focus on other issues.

It is not a new strategy. It was pursued by congressional Democrats in 2002 when our leadership supported the war in Iraq. We lost. It was furthered in 2004 when our nominee supported the war. We lost. We lost a chance to regain the Congress and take back the White House, and the American people lost a chance for a new start. Why? Because we did not challenge the central vulnerability of the administration that led this country into war, into a

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